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REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to quote hereunder the text of a self-explanatory note verbale addressed to you by my Government, and request that the said text be circulated as a document of the Security Council:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Liberia has received security reports, which have been confirmed, of an armed incursion into Liberian territory from the Republic of Guinea along the Liberian-Guinean border in the Foya District of Lofa County, Liberia.

"The Ministry wishes to further inform the Secretary-General that the armed incursion begun at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 August 1999. The following border villages in Lofa County, Liberia, are under the control of the attackers from Guinea: Konjo Sarhdu, Benduma, Mendekorma and the major town of Kolahun.

"The Government of Liberia has submitted a note of protest to the Government of Guinea through its representative at Monrovia, and has demanded that the Government takes the necessary steps to bring this situation under control. The Government of Guinea was also informed that the Government of Liberia reserved the right to defend its territorial integrity against such aggression.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform the Secretary-General that this is the second incursion into Liberia from Guinea; the first occurred on 21 April 1999.

"While the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations apprised of the situation as it further develops, it would be appreciated if this information is brought to the urgent attention of the Security Council.